


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 15 through 25 with the following amended paragraph:

 A number of polymeric materials having useful therapeutic activity have been discussed above. In particular, aliphatic amine polymers have been disclosed which are useful in methods of lowering the serum phosphate level of a patient and lowering the serum cholesterol level of a patient. For example an epichlorohydrin-cross-linked poly(allylamine hydrochloride) resin (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,496,545 and 5,667,775), also referred to as sevelamer hydrochloride or sevelamer and marketed as ~~Renagel~~[®] RENAGEL[®], has been shown to be effective at removing phosphate from human patients suffering from renal failure. Therapeutically effective dosages of sevelamer hydrochloride are large, typically on the order of 4 to 6 grams per day. Consequently, development of a dosage form of this and similar resins which minimizes the amount of excipient material is desirable.